

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**I. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines 9 to 19, with the following amended paragraph:**

As shown in Fig. 6, a conventional bicycle rack 50 is connected to a connection member 43 which is fixed to an extension tube 41 connected with a connection sphere 421 on a frame 42. The extension tube 41 is fixed to a rear end of the vehicle and the connection member 43 has two lugs 431 extending from an underside thereof. The extension tube 41 is located between the two lugs 431 and a bolt 432 extends through the lugs 431 and through the extension tube 41. Nevertheless, the connection member 43 tends to shake during riding of the vehicle and the shaking is transferred to the bicycle rack and the bicycles on the rack. This results a severe shear force on the bolt 432 which could be broken within a short period of time.

**II. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 17, and ending on page 3, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 1 is an exploded view to show the connection member and the

extension tube of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a side view to show the connection of the connection member and the extension tube of the present invention;

Fig. 3A shows that the bicycle rack is to be connected on an engaging plate on the connection [[plate]] member;

Fig. 3B shows that the bicycle rack is connected on an engaging plate on the connection [[plate]] member;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view to show assembly of the bicycle rack, the connection plate and the extension tube of the present invention;

Fig. 5 is an exploded view to show a conventional connection plate and an extension tube; [[,]] and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view to show assembly of the bicycle rack, the conventional connection plate and the extension tube.

**III. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, lines 10 to 16, with the following amended paragraph:**

Referring to Figs. 1, 2 and 4, the connection [[plate]] member 20 of the present invention comprises a through hole 22 defined therethrough which is

enclosed by a polygonal wall 23 extends from a side of the connection member 20. The polygonal wall 23 has two holes 231 defined in two sides of the polygonal wall 23. An engaging plate 21 is extended from a top of the connection member 20 so that a bicycle rack 50 is connected to the engaging plate 21.

**IV. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, lines 17 to 24, with the following amended paragraph:**

A rectangular extension tube 10 is connected to a frame 30 and a connection sphere 31 is connected to the frame 30. The extension tube 10 is connected to a rear end of a vehicle (not shown) and inserted through the through hole 22. The extension tube 10 has two threaded holes 11 in two sides thereof so that two bolts 24 extend through the holes 231 and are engaged with the threaded holes 11. By this arrangement, the connection ~~[[plate]]~~ member 20 is firmly connected to the extension tube 10.

**V. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, lines 1 to 4, with the following amended paragraph:**

The extension tube 10 is enclosed by the polygonal wall 23 and two bolts 24 are used to connect the extension tube 10 and the polygonal wall 23 in two directions so that the connection ~~[[plate]]~~ member 20 is prevented from shaking during riding of the vehicle.